

Career Technical Education Facilities Program

Determine Your Locale Using National Center for Education Statistics

1. Go to the National Center for Educational Statistics Website at [Locale Lookup](#).
2. At the top of the 'Locale Lookup' webpage, in the search bar labeled "Search by Location," type in the full school site name and press 'Enter' on your keyboard. Make sure to type the full school name for accurate results.
3. The map will zero in on your school site's location and the site location will appear color coded. The Locale/Code determines whether a school site is Rural, Suburban, or Urban.
4. Based on the map color for your school site, the school's locale can be correlated against the legend located at the bottom of the page. For example, if your school locale appears in a yellow color coded area of the map, your school site's locale would be determined to be a Suburban Area. If your school is classified as 31, 32, or 33, your school will be considered 'Rural Area.'

School Facility Program Regulations define each of these terms as follows:

As classified by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES):

"Rural Area" shall be a school with a locale code of 31, 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43

"Suburban Area" shall be a school with a locale code of 21, 22, or 23.

"Urban Area" shall be a school with a locale code of 11, 12 or 13.